(b) whether Government would decide the date of release of those incumbents with simultaneous date of actual payment to ensure full payment of salaries, etc. for such delayed date of payment;

(c) whether Government have received several representations in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the decision taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) While accepting the requests for Voluntary retirement, the employees were required to collect their dues in full and final after submitting 'No Demand Certificates' from all concerned. Dues of all the officials except 5 officials have already been paid. The final settlement of dues in case of 5 employees is held up for want of different reasons such as non payment of rent for official accommodation, non-vacation of official accommodation, non-submission of 'No Demand Certificate' & dispute on the date of birth.

Assurance given to the employees of Vayudoot

1934. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of Vayudoot employees State-wise ;

(b) whether it is a fact that the employees of Vayudoot are facing a crucial period of being chucked off from their job due to closure of Vayudoot service in many stations ; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government had assured the Vayudoot employees that they will be absorbed in Indian Airlines in the event of closure of Vayudoot service ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) The state-wise strength of Vayudoot employees is given in the statement (*See* below).

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Statement

Number of Employees of Vayudoot in Various States

S. No.	State/U.T.	Number of Employees
01	Andhra Pradesh	103
02	Assam	7
03	Bihar	5
04	Goa	1
05	Gujarat	8
06	Himachal Pradesh	17
07	Karnataka	11
08	Kerala	8
09	Maharashtra	168
10	Meghalaya	2
11	Mizoram	2
12	Punjab	3
13	Rajasthan	4
14	Tamil Nadu	89
15	Tripura	2
16	Uttar Pradesh	8
17	West Bengal	196
18	Chandigarh	14
19	Delhi	795
20	Diu	2
21	Lakshadweep	2
22	Pondicherry	1

Condition of A-320 Air-buses

1935. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether A-320 Air Buses are found not suitable to the country ;

(b) how many old aircrafts have been grounded in Indian Airlines and how many new air crafts have replaced by the old ones ; and

(c) what is the profit and loss account of Indian Airlines during the last three years ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Two aircraft of Indian Airlines which are over 20 years old are not being used for scheduled commercial services. Indian Airlines has acquired 6 A-320 aircraft in 1993.

(c) The loss incurred by Indian Airlines during the last three years is as under :—

Years	Loss (After Tax Rs. in Crores)
1990-91	64.59
1991-92	198.85
1992-93	195.16

Privatising the construction and maintenance of airports

1936. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a policy decision to allow private parties in the field of construction and maintenance of airports;

(b) if so, how many such proposals have been received by Government; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) To finance construction of a new airport at Cochin and upgradation of the air port at Calicut. The Government of Kerala have taken the initiative of setting Societies to mobilise funds from the public including Non-Resident Indians.

Criteria for grant of accident leave for Employees working in AI

1937. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Air India is granting accident leave to its employees;

(b) if so, what are the criteria for such leave and who is the Competent Authority to grant such leave; and

(c) in how many cases accident leave has been granted by Air India during the years 1990, 1991 and 1993; department-wise?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) In Air India it is termed as disability leave and is granted to employees in accordance with the following criteria contained in regulation No. 26 of Air India Employees' Service Regulations :—

(i) An employee who is injured in and during the course of his employment, or who contacts any of the occupational diseases enumerated in Schedule III to the Workmen's Compensation Act, and is thereby temporarily disabled may, on production of a medical certificate acceptable to the competent authority, be granted disability leave with pay not exceeding 120 days except in cases of employees who are covered by the agreements with the appropriate Unions/Associations providing for grant of leave in excess of this limit. Such leave may also be granted in the event of an injury sustained by an employee while actually participating any sports event as representative of the Corporation.

(ii) The grant of this leave is subject to the following conditions :—

(a) The accident or disease was not due to the employee's own negligence or default; and

(b) he obeys all instructions as to treatment given by the Corporation's medical officer.

Heads of Departments, Divisions and Sections are competent to grant such leave to employees under their respective jurisdiction.

(c) A statement is annexed.